

**Citizens Advisory Committee  
Meeting Summary  
June 4, 2015**

**Committee Members Present:** Wendell Williams, Lavonne Lewis, Bonnie Chu, Vida Lin, Nancy Brune, Esther Langston (by phone), Laura Martin (by phone), Patrick Smith (by phone)

**Committee Members Absent:** Taurus Duncan

**Clark County Staff Present:** Tim Burch, Bobby Gordon, Gina Olivares, Michelle Fuller-Hallauer, Jasmine Cook

**I. Call to Order**

- By Wendell Williams at 11:50 a.m.

**II. Introduction of All Members**

**III. Public Comment**

- None

**IV. Approval of April 2, 2015 Meeting Summary**

- Approved

**V. Announcements from Members/Social Service Staff**

- We have just come from a very successful Mayors Challenge Summit meeting to discuss the issue of homelessness. We received great feedback from all parties involved.
- We have signed the lease and will soon be opening tenancy for our transition age youth program called Step-up. We are planning to have an open house in August.

**VI. Department Update**

- Tim Burch - On an annual basis, we complete a Point-in-Time Count, also called the Homeless Census, to determine housing needs in the Las Vegas metropolitan and rural areas. We have the results of our two-day activity on coordinated assessment and centralized intake, as well as the latest data figures for our homeless Point-in-Time Count. This effort gives us an idea of how big this issue is in our community and it showcases the collaborative effort that has been invested in resolving homelessness.
- Michelle Fuller-Hallauer – Continuum of Care Coordinator
  - 2015 Southern Nevada Homeless Census and Survey
    - HUD mandates we conduct a Point-in-Time (PIT) Sheltered and Unsheltered Census and Survey every year. 7,509 homeless individuals were identified in the 2015 Homeless PIT Census. This reflects a 0.89% (66 people) increase from 2015. This has been a reduction in overall homelessness from 2011 to 2015 by 6.2%.
  - 25 Cities – Working together to end veteran and chronic homelessness
    - The 25 Cities initiative has set a goal to end veteran's homelessness by December 31, 2015. In order to reach functional zero by the set date, 110 Veterans need placement in permanent housing per month. There was a

43.7% decrease in Veterans Homelessness since the 2014 PIT Count

- Bobby Gordon
  - Coordinated Intake – We have been speaking with you about Coordinated Intake since before the official start last year. We began using the Vulnerability Index & Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool (VI-SPDAT), housing assessment tool last July. The VI-SPDAT is used to look at housing overall whether that housing is funded by CCSS or from another community partner. As of May 7, we have completed well over 2,500 VI-SPDATs. With that data we have found that our greatest need is in Rapid Rehousing, not in Permanent Supportive Housing as was believed previously.

We are constantly assessing the process to ensure we are not creating barriers for placement but making the actual placements as quickly as possible. Initially, we had all of our workers matching clients with providers, we have now scaled that down to three people that do all of the matching. To improve real time accuracy, we are moving towards creating a Google Doc to give providers the ability to update their availability easily.

We have developed an email address specifically to respond to questions regarding Coordinated Intake. A set of FAQs will be posted on HelpHopeHome.org along with a Prezi, an animated walk-through of the coordinated intake process.

## **VII. Membership**

- a. Committee approves two applications for membership:
  - Robert M. Torres – motion to accept application, seconded, vote called, unanimous vote.
  - Ernesto Perdomo – motion to accept application, seconded, vote called, unanimous vote.

These members will be sent to Board of County Commissioners for ratification.

Following the board's approval, they will be invited to attend their first CAC meeting.

## **VIII. Public Comment:**

- None

## **IX. Adjournment: 12:57 p.m.**

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 6, 2015 at 11:30 a.m. at the Clark County Social Service office located at 1600 Pinto Lane, Las Vegas, NV.

Submitted by: J Cook